AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a storage device configured to store digital data;

an input device configured to set a compression ratio of the stored digital data; [[and]]

a writing device configured to write the set compression ratio as <u>one item of</u> additional data for the stored digital data to said storage device[[.]]<u>; and</u>

<u>a display device which displays resolution and image quality information after recompression.</u>

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a compression device configured to compress the stored digital data in accordance with the ~~additional data~~ <u>compression ratio</u>.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said writing device writes the ~~additional data~~ <u>compression ratio</u> before or after said storage device stores the digital data.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said writing device changes the ~~additional data~~ <u>compression ratio</u> after said storage device stores the digital data.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said storage device stores a plurality of frames of compressed image data;

said input device sets a recompression ratio of the compressed image data stored in said storage device for each frame; and

said writing device writes the set recompression ratio for each frame as <u>another item of</u> the additional data in said storage device, said apparatus further comprising:

a device configured to recompress the compressed image data stored in said storage device according to the ~~additional data~~ <u>compression ratio</u> and store the recompressed data in said storage device.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said storage device saves compressed music data comprising a plurality of tunes;

said input device sets a recompression ratio of the compressed music data stored in said storage device; and

said writing device writes the set recompression ratio for each tune as <u>another item of</u> the additional data in said storage device, said apparatus further comprising:

a device configured to recompress the compressed music data stored in said storage device according to the ~~additional data~~ <u>compression ratio</u> and store the recompressed data in said storage device.

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7. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein, the computer readable program code means comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to store digital data;

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to set a compression ratio of the stored digital data; [[and]]

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to write the set compression ratio as additional data for the stored digital data[[.]]; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to display resolution and image quality information after recompression.

8. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to compress the stored digital data in accordance with the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio.

9. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to write the ~~additional data~~ compression ratio before or after storing the digital data.

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10. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to change the ~~additional data~~ <u>compression ratio</u> after storing the digital data.

11. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein said storing computer readable program code means causes a computer to store a plurality of frames of compressed image data;

said input computer readable program code means causes a computer to set a recompression ratio of the stored compressed image data for each frame; and

said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to write the set recompression ratio for each frame as <u>another item of </u>the additional data, said apparatus further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to recompress the stored compressed image data according to the ~~additional data~~ <u>compression ratio</u> and store the recompressed data.

12. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 7, wherein

said storage computer readable program code means causes a computer to save compressed music data comprising a plurality of tunes;

said input computer readable program code means causes a computer to set a recompression ratio of the stored compressed music data; and

said writing computer readable program code means causes a computer to write
the set recompression ratio for each tune as <u>another item of </u>the additional data, said
apparatus further comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to
recompress the stored compressed music data according to the ~~additional data~~
<u>compression ratio</u> and store the recompressed data.